If you're texting, who's driving?

Manitoba Public Insurance

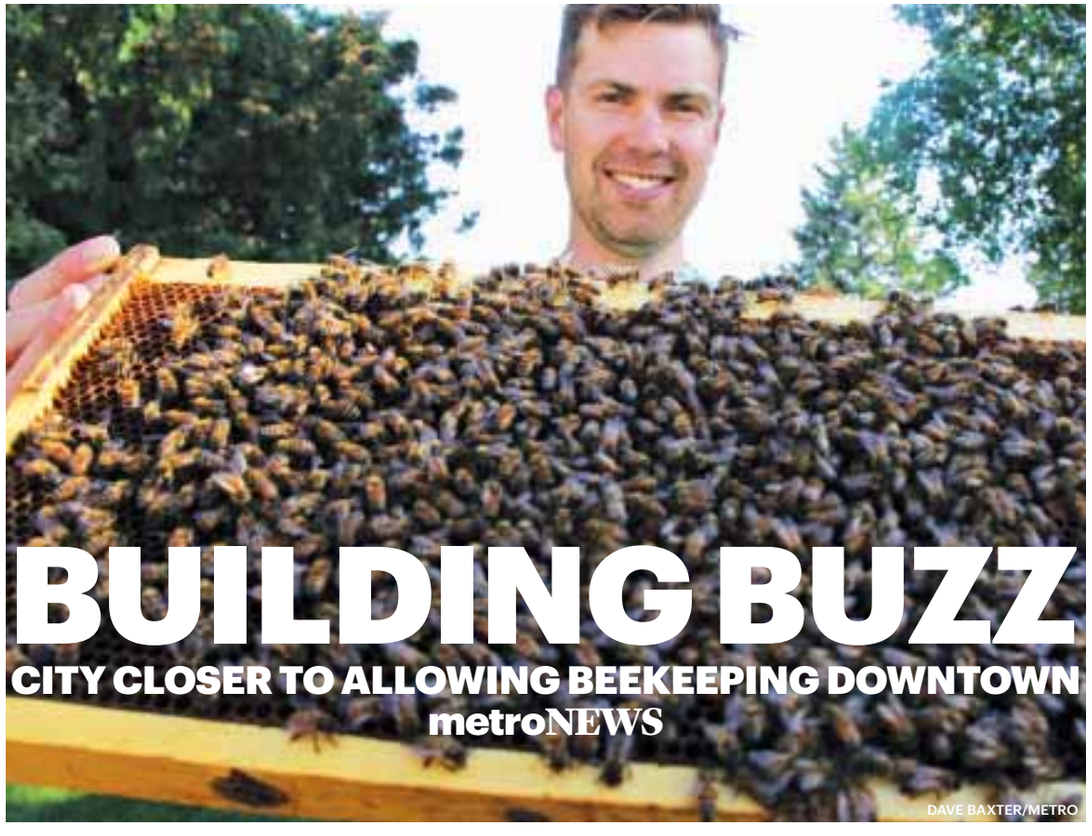
Winnipeg metro

Your essential daily news | TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015 | High 17°C /Low 8°C Partly cloudy

READY TO ENGAGE

'I WOULD VOTE ... BUT THERE'S A LOT OF BARRICADES IN MY WAY'

metroNEWS



BUILDING BUZZ

CITY CLOSER TO ALLOWING BEEKEEPING DOWNTOWN

metroNEWS

DAVE BAXTER/METRO

Man dead after firearm incident involving police

HIGHWAY 59

Investigators mum on details of death

Police in Winnipeg say a man is dead following what they are calling an "incident" involving officers north of the city.

Emergency vehicles converged on a location on Highway 59, just north of Birds Hill Provincial Park, Sunday around 10:30 p.m.

The Highways Department says there was a crash, and an area resident says a number of shots were fired.

An air ambulance and a police tactical team were called to the scene.

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) says a 44-year-old man died and an investigation is underway.

The IIU also said in a news release that the incident was "firearms-related."

Winnipeg police are not providing any details.

However, friends and family identified the man as Haki Sefa, 44, who was a plumber.

Family also told media Sefa was suicidal and depressed after his niece died in August in a Regina jail cell, from drug withdrawal.

Family said Sefa cared for the girl for a period of time when she was a child.

Police did not say if Sefa was killed by an officer or if he committed suicide.

The Independent Investigation Unit was recently established to allow arm's-length reviews of serious incidents involving police.

The unit has a civilian director and was set up following a botched police investigation of an officer involved in a fatal crash in 2005.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

WITH FILES FROM METRO WINNIPEG

Of all the beverage containers that weren't recycled, how many were yours?

metro NEWS

Your essential daily news

Who tosses out 2.3 kilograms of trash per person daily? **World**

Top coach hopes to turn Manitoba's tennis tables

SPORTS

Ian Kane arrived from Nova Scotia this summer

Donna Maxwell
For Metro | Winnipeg

Ian Kane, a former national coach and Parapan American gold medallist in the sport of table tennis, is excited about taking Team Manitoba higher in the national rankings. HANDOUT

If Ian Kane's enthusiasm for the sport of table tennis is contagious, then Team Manitoba is about to catch a case of winning fever.

The team has been mired in mediocrity, with occasional flashes of brilliance, for years, but the former national team coach hopes to propel the team from its middle-of-the-pack, fifth-place rating into the coveted Top 4.

Quebec, Ontario, B.C. and Alberta have held those spots for years, Kane said.

"(Manitoba's) had individuals that have done very well, better than the middle of the pack. They've had medallists at the Canada Games and at the National Championships, as we just did as well. But as a team, their overall ranking in Canada has been fifth or sixth for as long as I can remember. And I've been playing since 1974," Kane said.

ON THE WEB

For more information on table tennis in Manitoba go to mtta.ca.

"That was one of the challenges, let's get out of that rut and blast into the Top 4."

Kane was hired by the Manitoba Table Tennis Association this summer and moved here from his home in Dartmouth, N.S. just in time to put the team through a quick couple of training camps before Nationals.

He's determined to whip next year's team into shape, so that when Manitoba hosts the nationals in July, they'll be able to show they're serious contenders.

And he figures players will be motivated to succeed.

"I know in this first year I can almost ask for anything from the athletes and they're gonna give it, cause if they don't they're not gonna be on the team and they want to be on the team this year cause they're playing at home in front of their families and their friends," Kane said.

"So it's a perfect way to start. I couldn't have asked for a better circumstance."

And, with training starting this week, the wannabe table tennis stars should be prepared to work. Kane said training for the sport is intense, even if most people scoff at the idea that table tennis players need to train.

"If the average Joe from baseball came to one of my top squad training sessions and only took part in the physical part at the end that's about 12 minutes long, they'd need to rest for a week," Kane laughed.

He said the training is similar to that of a sprinter.

"Table tennis is short bursts with very little rest time in between, so it's anaerobic. It's very rare to have a rally that exceeds 15 seconds," he said.

"It's more of a ballistic power sport."

TELEVISION

Polar bears get star treatment

A new series premiering Tuesday gives a Manitoba town on the edge of the Arctic the documentary treatment.

Polar Bear Town premieres on the Outdoor Life Network at 8 p.m.

Every fall, 1,000 seal-starved polar bears migrate directly through the frontier town of Churchill, Manitoba," reads a statement from the producers.

"The population explodes from 800 to 10,000 with the arrival of tourists seeking bucket-list bear encounters from some of the best polar bear guides in the world."

The series explores the characters who protect the bears and guide the tourists, including Kelsey Eliasson, who guides tourists but has a fierce love and desire to protect the bears; Dennis Compayre, known locally as "the Bear Whisperer"; and Brian Landoo, who operates an Eskimo dog kennel that attracts tourists and bears alike.

The show's Winnipeg-based creators say received funding for the show through several partners, including the Manitoba government and Rogers Media. METRO

A polar bear checks out a truck in Churchill before moving on. HANDOUT

WINNIPEG CENTRE

MP says sorry for insults

Elisha Dacey
Metro | Winnipeg

Winnipeg Centre MP Pat Martin issued an apology Sunday night after he swore at and insulted opponents in his riding.

"Over the last few days I have used some intemperate language that I regret," reads a statement posted on his website and Facebook page. "I would like to offer an unreserved apology to my fellow candidates and to anyone else who may have taken offense to the tone and content of these remarks."

The controversy began last week during a Metro-sponsored debate with the candidates.

In a post made to Vine and shared widely, Martin can be seen and heard swearing at Green candidate Don Woodstock.

"Son of a b—h. You son of a b—h," Martin says while sitting behind a microphone. Martin made the comments after Woodstock and Liberal candidate Robert Falcon Ouellette accused him of not truly living in the riding.

"I demand an apology from the NDP MP," said Woodstock in a statement sent to media. "I couldn't believe it. Pat Martin, the incumbent, elbowed me in the ribs, and called me a f—g p—k!"

It deepened after comments made on Huffington Post referenced Ouellette's wife, saying she's "afraid she'll have her hubcaps stolen if she ventures too far into the riding."

Ouellette demanded an apology, saying he can handle personal attacks but not when they're directed at his family.

Supporters and detractors alike reacted on Facebook.

"Pat, I continue to stand behind you 100% but I appreciate that you recognized that an apology would be appropriate," reads one comment. "I hope people recognize your passion and sincerity and judge you on your track record as a whole."

Others weren't so forgiving.

"The man is a disgrace to the office he holds and you sheep keep voting him in," reads another comment.

One woman said the apology wouldn't be sincere until Martin apologized in person or over the phone.

"That's a good idea. We'll do that," Martin responded.

IN BRIEF

Police charge mother in abduction of son

A Winnipeg woman who was the subject of a Canada-wide warrant for the alleged abduction of her 12-year-old son has been charged.

Police say Charlotte McMahon faces one count of abduction. Police had asked for the public's help in locating McMahon, who is 35, and her 12-year-old son Tristan, who had last been seen on Saturday morning in Winnipeg. They were located on Sunday in Manigotagan, Man. McMahon has been remanded in custody. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Speed, alcohol, factors in late-night accident

A person is dead and another is in hospital after a single-vehicle accident near Dauphin, Man.

A 41-year-old man from Dauphin who was driving died at the scene.

His passenger — a 38-year-old woman from Duck Bay, Man. — was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Investigators believe speed and alcohol were contributing factors in the crash. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pedestrian hit and killed on Perimeter Highway

A man is dead after being hit by a van on the Perimeter Highway early Friday.

Headingley RCMP were called to the Perimeter Highway just north of Gunn Road before 12:30 a.m. Police say the victim was severely injured and was rushed to hospital, where he later died. The driver of the van was uninjured. Alcohol is not believed to be a factor in the crash. Police are not releasing the name of the deceased. METRO

Rock-in-a-sock may have been used during beating

ASSAULT

Witness says the victim and assailants had been drinking

Shane Gibson
Metro | Winnipeg

Police are looking for two suspects after a teenager was beaten — possibly with a rock-in-a-sock — in the parking lot of a St. James neighbourhood community centre Sunday night.

Police and emergency workers were called to Bord-Aire Community Centre at 471 Hampton St. around 10:45 p.m., where an 18-year-old man was found injured.

He was rushed to hospital in unstable condition and was later upgraded to stable.

A witness who asked to remain anonymous said the victim and two male assailants had been drinking and listening to music in the warm-up shacks at the community centre's ice rinks for a few hours before the assault took place.

"They were stomping on him, kicking him, throwing him up against the garbage bin," he said.

Blood on the ground near a community-centre dumpster in the parking lot. CONTRIBUTED

"He was bleeding all over the place, and his face was all cut up.... By the time the cops got there, he was just curled over in a lump."

The witness said he's heard a worker at the community centre later found a sock with a rock in it near the site of the assault but couldn't say whether it had been used in the beating.

(Metro Winnipeg editor Elisha Dacey is the centre's board president.)

Police spokesman Const. Jason Michalyshen said there have been no arrests, and detectives from the West District station would be looking into the possibility the crude weapon was used in the assault.

"There's still work to be done here," said Michalyshen.

ABORIGINAL WOMEN WALKING FOR AWARENESS Point Douglas MLA Kevin Chief and Elder Mae-Louise Campbell, centre, joined hundreds of people for the eighth annual Grandmothers Protecting our Children Medicine Walk through downtown Winnipeg on Monday. Organized by the Kookumak Kaa Da Maa Waad Abinoojiiak Council, the walk is held to bring awareness to the group's goal of protecting young aboriginal women. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

The right fit is not always obvious, but that's where we come in.

Let us introduce you to the accounting and finance professional who is best suited to your industry's needs.

- *Executive & Professional Search*
- *Permanent, Interim & Contract Staff*

accountants now
Accounting & Finance Recruitment
A Pinnacle Company

GET STARTED TODAY!
www.accountantsnow.jobs | 204.926.2210

TRANSIT TUESDAY

Weekly Transit News Update

WINNIPEG TRANSIT IS HIRING!

Bus operator applications are being accepted. Don't miss your opportunity to join the team of professional bus operators at Winnipeg Transit. This long term career opportunity offers above average pay and superior benefits. Fully paid 6 week training program is provided to successful candidates. Visit winnipegtransit.com for more details.

CONVENIENT DART SERVICE

Try Dart, the "Dial-A-Ride Transit" service for residents living in selected areas of South and South East Winnipeg. DART buses operate during off-peak hours only and are cell phone equipped. Call 204-287-3278 (BUS-DART) and speak directly to the bus operator to arrange pick up from your home to/from a transfer connection. Please call well in advance of your trip. All rides are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit winnipegtransit.com or call 311 for more information.

GET INTO THE DOWNTOWN SPIRIT!

The next time you and your friends are planning lunch at your favorite downtown restaurant don't forget about the Downtown Spirit. Our free shuttle service is a great way to travel to Winnipeg's most popular downtown destinations. There are three Downtown Spirit routes to serve you, for complete route and schedule information visit winnipegtransit.com or call 311.

MILLENNIUM LIBRARY SERVICE CENTRE

Winnipeg Transit's Millennium Library Customer Service Centre is located at 251 Donald St. (corner of Graham & Donald). Service hours are Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PARK AND RIDE... AND RELAX!

Simply park your car at a Park & Ride location near you and take the bus to your destination. You'll enjoy the convenience, plus, save a few bucks in gas while you're at it. Visit winnipegtransit.com for more information about our award winning Park & Ride service.

SAVE SOME GREEN WITH AN ECOPASS!

Talk to your HR rep about getting the EcoPass at your workplace. You and your fellow employees could save from 5% to 100% on transit. Visit winnipegtransit.com for more information.

Local beekeeper Chris Kirouac, seen here holding up some locally produced honey, is happy the city is inching closer to allowing beekeeping downtown. DAVE BAXTER/METRO

Downtown hives are the bee's knees for keepers

BYLAWS

Rooftop zoning changes will get public consultation

Dave Baxter
Metro | Winnipeg

Local beekeepers are buzzing now that the city is one step closer to allowing beehives on downtown rooftops.

"It's certainly been used in other cities, so let's give it a try," said Coun. Brian Mayes.

"It does sound like something that cities elsewhere in Canada have adopted without a lot of controversy."

Back in May, Fort Garry Hotel officials asked the city's downtown development committee for permission to keep beehives on the hotel's roof, but were told the plan couldn't go forward without a change to city zoning bylaws.

On Monday the city's downtown development committee voted in favour of zoning changes that would allow downtown rooftop beekeeping.

Chris Kirouac, a beekeeper with Beeproject Apiaries, said he would like to see beekeeping allowed across the entire city eventually, but he thinks the downtown idea is a great way to get the idea rolling.

"Perhaps a trial of the downtown, almost like a downtown-wide pilot project of beekeeping would be a great first step," said Kirouac.

Manitoba Hydro has approached Beeproject Apiaries about setting up hives on its Portage Avenue building, said Kirouac.

"The environmental standards in that building are incredible, and they thought this would be a great addition."

Some may feel uneasy about the idea of more bees buzzing around in downtown Winnipeg, but Kirouac said there is no reason to be concerned, and typically when people are stung it's by a wasp and not a bee.

"They are so much more manageable and docile than the general public believes.

"I wouldn't understand how the city would reject it."

The city will do public consultation on the plan, and it still needs to get council approval.

Mayes thinks the idea will go to council in February, and if approved, beehives could start popping up on downtown rooftops in the spring.

IN BRIEF

Bike paths proposed to protect riverbanks

A Winnipeg councillor wants more bike paths along riverbanks in the city because he thinks they could help maintain them and prevent them from eroding.

St. Vital Coun. Brian Mayes brought a motion to the downtown development committee on Monday asking the city to consider combining money for riverbank stabilization with money for active transportation projects.

Mayes is eyeing three areas for bike path construction. He said the plan makes sense because the city is already spending millions to stabilize the riverbanks.

DAVE BAXTER/METRO

PUBLIC WORKS

Winnipeg Transit hopes to roll into new neighbourhoods

Some of Winnipeg's newest neighbourhoods could start to see expanded transit service next year, but only if the city has enough cash in their budget.

On Monday the city's public works committee approved a plan that would see day-long transit service expanded to Island Lakes, Royalwood, Southland Park, Sage Creek, South Pointe, Bridgwater Centre and Bridgwater Lakes.

Winnipeg Transit director Dave Wardrop told the committee the plan could only go forward if they buy four new buses at a cost of $2.4 million, and he said annual operating expenses would go up by about $348,000.

The city would also have to hire about 11 new full-time drivers.

Wardrop hopes to have the service extended by the fall of 2016, but said that would only be possible if it's funded in the 2016 budget.

Coun. Janice Lukes said she will be pushing for more money to go into Winnipeg Transit in the 2016 budget.

"Transportation, in my opinion, is a core service," said Lukes.

"And how do we move masses of people and how do we budget for that?

"I totally believe that transit, for a city to move forward progressively and in a more sustainable manner, is really where we need to look at investing."

DAVE BAXTER/METRO

Coun. Janice Lukes is asking for more transit money in the budget. DAVE BAXTER/METRO

Debate heats up over military

ELECTION 2015

Tories, NDP blast Trudeau for promising to scrap jets

The politics of military procurement preoccupied the federal leaders Monday as they fired rhetorical missiles at each other over the future of Canada's ill-fated attempt to buy new fighter jets.

Stephen Harper and Tom Mulcair both blasted Justin Trudeau for announcing a day earlier he would scrap the multibillion-dollar purchase of 65 F-35 stealth fighters to replace the current aging fleet of CF-18s, and reinvest the savings into the navy.

The Conservative and NDP leaders both said it showed a lack of judgment by the Liberal leader.

The heightened rhetoric was reflective of the high stakes at play with military procurement: it is a political hot potato because it usually represents the government's biggest capital expenditure of taxpayers' money.

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau walks to the campaign plane in Toronto on Monday.
ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Asked Monday about what they thought of the Liberal leader's plan to scrap the F-35, Harper questioned "what planet" Trudeau was living on, while Mulcair said Trudeau was prejudging the public tendering process.

Experts say the F-35 purchase would cost taxpayers about $44 billion over the four-decade lifespan of the Lockheed Martin jets.

Trudeau, however, stood his ground, saying there are other, less expensive, proven options already flying that would meet the requirements to replace the CF-18s.

One of Trudeau's foreign policy advisers, the retired Lt-Gen. Andrew Leslie who is running as a Liberal candidate in an Ottawa riding, said any of the other aircraft options would cost 15 to 30 per cent less than the F-35.

The savings, he said, would be spent on upgrades for the navy, which he characterized as being in a state of "crisis."

Leslie is one of the Liberals' star candidates, and the party activated him Monday as the campaign trail debate focused on military procurement.

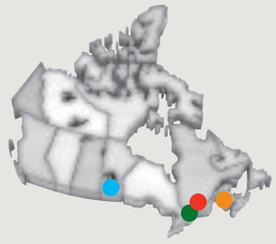
The F-35 saga has been fraught with controversy, plagued by malfunctions and cost overruns. The project is on hold after the auditor general offered a scathing critique of the procurement.

The Harper government has since said it will extend the lifespan of the current CF-18 fleet to 2025 and it's unclear if and when it intends to continue with the stealth fighter program.

Harper has stopped short of endorsing the F-35 in recent days, but appeared incredulous on Monday that Trudeau would scrap the program, accusing him of living in a "dream world." He said the domestic economic spinoffs in Canada for the F-35 would be "critical" for the aerospace industry and the manufacturing sector.

Mulcair said Trudeau was showing a lack of experience in cancelling the F-35 purchase, instead of opting for an open competition between various aircraft makers, calling that "the basic rule of public administration."
THE CANADIAN PRESS

WHERE THE LEADERS ARE TUESDAY



- **Stephen Harper** will be in Winnipeg.
- **Justin Trudeau** will be in Montreal.
- **Tom Mulcair** will be in Moncton, N.B.
- **Elizabeth May** will be in Ottawa.

REFUGEE CRISIS

Woman fears for her relatives

Amal Radha dabs the tears from her eyes as she speaks about her missing family. As the eldest, she helped raise her sisters and her nephews.

"I'm a total wreck now," says the 52-year-old Toronto woman through a translator. "I have no one. We were living in Iraq in a big family with all our loved ones … (now) my whole life is destroyed. I just need to know about my sisters, my nephews."

Her two sisters — Nawal, 42, and Feryal, 39 — and her three nephews — Bashir, 12, Baraa, 10 and Sudad, 7 — left a United Nations refugee camp on the borders of Iraq, Turkey and Syria months ago to make their way to Lebanon, where refugee applications are processed more quickly.

But to get to Lebanon the family had to cross on foot Iraqi territory held by the Islamic State. Radha hasn't heard from them since February. And now she fears the worst — that they have been captured or are dead.

Radha came to Canada in November 2009. She had left her hometown of Baghdad in 2007 after she was kidnapped and assaulted. Her life had also been threatened — someone had left a bullet and a note in her desk drawer at the Ministry of Health saying her life was at risk, she says.

Her husband had been killed while he was helping the U.S. military. Her brother — a barber — had disappeared. She believed he was kidnapped.

She tries to remain upbeat and hopeful but knows the odds are something is wrong.
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

ASSISTED DYING

Panel learns from Europeans

The head of a Canadian panel looking into legislative options to govern doctor-assisted death says a recent fact-finding tour in Europe has opened members' eyes to the many complexities surrounding a practice that's soon to become legal in Canada.

Dr. Harvey Max Chochinov said he and the two other members of the External Panel recently returned from an intensive 11-day study of how physician-aided dying has been implemented in the Netherlands, Belgium and Switzerland, where patients can legally have their deaths hastened.

> **We learned a tremendous amount from experts who have a great deal of experience with end-of-life regimes in their countries.**
> Dr. Harvey Max Chochinov

The panel was appointed to consult experts and the public before providing the government with potential options for crafting new legislation, but their work, for the most part, is on hold until the federal election is decided Oct. 19.

The panel wanted to know how people with abject suffering who seek help in dying are referred to services and whether people can self-refer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENTAL ASSISTANTS IN MANITOBA EARN A MEDIAN WAGE OF $20/HR*!
Train for a rewarding career in oral healthcare! Apply today and you can earn your Intra Oral Dental Assistant diploma in less than a year!
CDI COLLEGE ALSO OFFERS PROGRAMS IN:
• ACCOUNTING & PAYROLL ADMINISTRATION
• HEALTH CARE AIDE
• MEDICAL OFFICE ASSISTANT
• NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR
• AND MORE!
ASK ABOUT OUR EVENING CLASSES!
1.800.360.7186
STUDY.CDICOLLEGE.CA
CDI college
*jobbank.gc.ca
Financial assistance may be available to qualified applicants.

READY TO ENGAGE

Metro's coast to coast daily election series connects young, urban Canadians to the issues they care about

'There's an issue for everyone' — even young voters

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
in Vancouver

For a digital native, Kevin Ehman takes a dim view of social media's ability to change voting behaviours.

Ehman, 31-year-old project manager of a creative agency, is one of the founders of Vic Votes, a non-partisan organization that aims to boost youth voter turnout the old fashioned way, through engaging people in-person, on the street and at events. The effort is based on the belief that a good 15-minute chat can do what a social media campaign cannot.

"There's an issue for everyone," he says. And the goal is to use that issue as a gateway for voting. "What matters to you? What are you pissed off about? Have you looked into what candidate most closely represents your vantage point on this issue?"

This election, Ehman wants to buck the trend and get youth voters out in force to the polls.

In 2011, about a third of electors aged 18 to 24 voted, and only 45 per cent of those aged 25 to 34, according to Elections Canada. Overall voter turnout hovered around 61 per cent.

So far, Vic Votes has hosted an all-candidates forum and they're asking employers to pledge to let their employees vote. They'll also be at Rifflandia this month, Victoria's popular outdoor music festival.

Ehman is a political junkie, a poli-sci major, the product of rousing dinner table debates, and very aware that not everyone sees the connection between their day-to-day life and Parliament Hill. He uses some friends as examples, guys who love to spend time outdoors, and may not connect that with natural-resource policies, or environmental management.

Ehman's no fan of our first-past-the-post system (he said he likes the NDP's plan, in principal, to adopt a mixed-member proportional system). But, he says, the more people who vote, the more democratic it becomes.

"There's enough people out there trying to tell you who to vote for. It's about trying to convey why, and how," he says, and adds, "and then when is also important."

The campaign has a few 22-year-old volunteers that got involved not for partisan loyalties, but via a belief that voting isn't just a privilege — it's a duty. And that offers some hope.

The stakes are higher than just this one election. A 2013 parliamentary report warned that young non-voters don't magically turn into voters as they age, which "may have long-lasting implications for voter participation in Canada."

It won't be easy for Ehman to judge the success of Vic Votes — but he noted that the group was active during Victoria's recent mayoral campaign, which featured an upset win and an increased voter turnout.

"I don't know if we had an impact," he said, "but I like to think we did."

Rosemary Westwood is travelling across the country talking to young voters. Tomorrow: Jerilynn Webster in Vancouver.

VOTER PROFILE

Name: Kevin Ehman **Age:** 31 **Riding:** Victoria
His issues: Voter turnout, electoral reform

Aboriginal youth want into politics

ROCK THE VOTE

Young electorate finding ways to remove barriers and get involved

Shane Gibson
Metro | Winnipeg

Jenna Wirch is a politically active 24-year-old aboriginal woman from Winnipeg who worries she may not be able to vote in the upcoming federal election.

That's because new rules included in the Conservative government's Fair Elections Act — which became law in June 2014 — mean vouching and Voter Information Cards are no longer accepted as a valid form of identification at polling stations.

"Oh yeah, I would vote if I had ID but I don't know if I'm going to be able to," Wirch said while taking a break from using a loudspeaker to rally a crowd of hundreds who marched through downtown Winnipeg on Monday to bring awareness to the dangers facing young aboriginal women.

"I would vote, yes, and just to get Harper out. But there's a lot of barricades in my way."

A study commissioned by Elections Canada in 2011 that asked First Nations people whether they had voted in the last four elections found voter turnout was either statistically equal to or much less than the general population.

The report found First Nation turnout was higher than national average in 2011 (62.3 per cent compared to 61.4 per cent) — a stark change from 2008 when aboriginal turnout trailed the national turnout rate by more than eight percentage points (58.8 per cent compared to 50.1 per cent).

Jackie Traverse, who helped start a Facebook group to encourage aboriginals to vote during Winnipeg's civic election last year, said issues like murdered and missing women and the environment are encouraging more indigenous people to take an interest in politics.

She's using the group, called Indigenous Rock the Vote, to help voters like Wirch navigate the federal election system, and she says it's spawned similar across the country.

"We are awakened now," she said. "We want to be part of this election and have our voices heard."

The barriers facing young aboriginal voters aren't all physical, according to Winnipeg-based community activist Michael Redhead Champagne. The 28-year-old says politicians aren't doing enough to build the political literacy of their electorates, especially ones in the First Nations community.

But at the same time Champagne credits young First Nations people with going out of their way to get involved.

"There's a lot of young people who are doing things that are innovative that I think are removing barriers," he said.

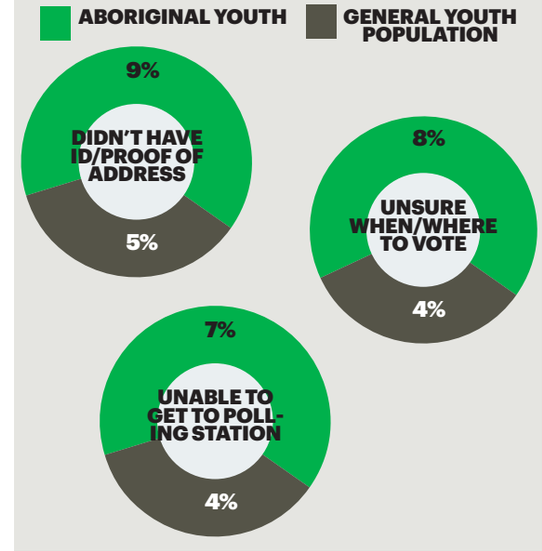
Jenna Wirch, 24, uses a loudspeaker to rally a group of hundreds of people who took part in a walk to bring attention to dangers facing Aboriginal women in Winnipeg Monday.
SHANE GIBSON/METRO

> **We recognize that what happens with our water is related to violence against women, is related to child welfare.**
> Michael Redhead Champagne

BY THE NUMBERS

A question of access

A 2011 Elections Canada study, which found that **only 42 per cent of aboriginals aged 18 to 34 voted in the most recent federal election** (compared to a national average of 74 per cent), shows that when asked to give reasons for not voting, aboriginal youth were about twice as likely as the general youth population to cite lacking proper ID, not knowing where and when to vote and being unable to get to the polling station.



Clockmaker splits critics

ARREST FOLLOW-UP

Atheist writer Dawkins under fire for views on Twitter

Atheist author Richard Dawkins has drawn criticism on social media after he questioned whether 14-year-old Texas student Ahmed Mohamed may have "wanted the police to arrest him" by bringing a clock to school last week.

"Did he deliberately want to be suspected of making a bomb? Did he want to be arrested, to be seen as a victim of 'Islamophobia'?" Dawkins wrote on Twitter on Sunday.

"If so, Texas police played right into his hands, and most of us (including me) fell for it."

Mohamed was arrested after a homemade digital clock he brought to class to impress his teacher last week was mistaken for a bomb.

His arrest drew accusations of Islamophobia and spawned a hashtag, #IStandWithAhmed, in solidarity with the ninth-grader. U.S. President Barack invited Mohamed to bring the clock to the White House, and Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield invited him to attend his science show in Toronto at the end of October.

But that didn't stop Dawkins from sharing YouTube videos and blog posts that accused Mohamed of being a "fraud" for not actually inventing the clock he brought to school, but reassembling one instead.

Ahmed Mohamed, 14, arrives at his family's home in Irving, Tex., recently. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **Right. That's a clock, and I'm the Queen of England.**
> Sarah Palin

Dawkins is a British writer and scientist who wrote the best-selling book The God Delusion and promotes scientific knowledge and "a secular world view" through his foundation. He regularly speaks out against religion but has been accused in recent years of singling out Islam for criticism.

People quickly responded angrily to Dawkins' comments, accusing him of missing the point of what happened to Mohamed and of being skeptical of the teen's motives simply because he is Muslim.

"Funny how you all search for the so called facts and hidden agendas ONLY when its (sic) about Muslims," one Twitter user said. "This is the saddest thing I've seen you write, and I have bought almost every book you've written. Come on," said another.

"Software is made from bought components. Legos are bought components. The kids who assemble them are still engineers," another user commented.

The story has been picked up by right-wing commentators in the U.S., including Sarah Palin, who wrote on Facebook: "Right. That's a clock, and I'm the Queen of England."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

UNITED STATES

Figures for trash revised

Americans are sending more than twice as much trash to landfills as the federal government has estimated, according to a new study.

It turns out that on average, Americans toss 2.3 kilograms of trash per person per day into landfills, according to an analysis of figures from the same study, which is based on actual landfill measurements instead of government estimates.

For years, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency relied on estimates to determine how much trash was being sent to landfills. But in 2010, the agency required most municipal landfills to measure and report how much trash was heading into the dumps, as part of an effort to lower heat-trapping methane emissions. Researchers at Yale University looked at the records for more than 1,200 landfills and calculated amounts, predominantly based on weights.

Three outside experts said they trust the Yale numbers.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Croatia opens reception centre as asylum-seekers pour in

metro The Syrian Crisis
The barriers

Croatia set up a migrant reception centre in the eastern village of Opatovac on Monday, in hopes of injecting order into the unrelenting chaos that has gripped the tiny Balkan country overwhelmed by thousands seeking sanctuary in Europe.

About 27,000 people fleeing conflict and poverty in the Middle East, Africa and Asia have entered this nation of 4.2 million since Hungary shut its border with Serbia on Sept. 15. That closure stymied many migrants, who found their way blocked as governments bickered over who should take responsibility for them.

Stung by criticism that his country had done little to help, Croatian Interior Minister Ranko Ostojic visited the camp and boarded a bus full of asylum-seekers. In a rather folksy tone, he introduced himself by his first name and told the group they had nothing to fear. "You will be here for short time in the camp to take refreshments, foods, what you need and then you will be transported to Europe. Please follow instructions of the police. Everything will be OK. Thank you."

At the new migrant centre, police erected a metal fence, dividing the migrants from the media. Exhausted asylum-seekers hung their washing on a fence as they recovered from many days spent walking from border to border, hoping to go to Germany or Scandinavia.

The new centre is expected to register the asylum-seekers and then arrange for transport onward. But some were worried, even though they've been promised they will eventually be sent to Hungary or Slovenia.

Croatia's move is only a small reflection of the intense pressure countries in south-eastern Europe have felt as the influx continues.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Students cite unwanted sexual contact in survey

A quarter of women surveyed at more than two dozen universities in the U.S. say they experienced unwanted sexual contact sometime during college, according to a report released Monday.

The Association of American Universities Campus Climate Survey was sent to nearly 780,000 students at the association's member colleges, plus one additional university. About 150,000 participated. The results were in line with past surveys on sexual assault and misconduct on college campuses — and confirmed alcohol and drugs are important factors.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEBANON

Ads warn migrants against illegal entry

The Hungarian government posted ads in Lebanese and Jordanian newspapers on Monday warning migrants not to enter Hungary illegally, saying it is a crime punishable by imprisonment.

In a full-page advertisement in several newspapers, including Lebanon's leading An-Nahar and Jordan's Al-Rai, the government said "the strongest possible action is taken" against people who attempt to enter Hungary illegally.

"Do not listen to the people smugglers. Hungary will not allow illegal immigrants to cross its territory," the advertisement reads in English and Arabic.

Lebanon has nearly 1.2 million Syrian refugees and Jordan about 630,000, some of whom have expressed interest in migrating to Europe because of dwindling aid and work opportunities.

Hungary, which closed its border with Serbia on Sept. 15, erected another steel barrier at the Beremend border crossing with Croatia to try to slow the flow of migrants.

Earlier this month, Denmark's Ministry of Immigration posted advertisements in Lebanese newspapers aiming to deter migrants, saying that the Scandinavian nation has reduced social aid to migrants by 50 per cent recently.

Denmark also warned that migrants whose applications are rejected will be deported immediately.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MASS VIOLENCE

Online tool warns of genocide

Can mass killings be predicted and prevented?

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., hopes its new online tool will do just that by making both sophisticated statistical analysis and feedback from experts publicly available for the first time. The goal is to produce early warnings that can help governments, policy makers, advocacy groups and scholars decide where to concentrate their efforts.

Images from Darfur and Chad are projected on the walls of the Holocaust museum in Washington. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

"From past genocides in Darfur, Bosnia, Rwanda and the Holocaust, we have learned what the clear early warning signs are that precede mass violence," said Cameron Hudson, director of the museum's Simon-Skjodt Center for the Prevention of Genocide. "Tracking those indicators in at-risk countries around the world will, for the first time, allow us to look over the horizon to implement smarter, cheaper and more effective polices that prevent mass violence."

Though the project is being formally announced Monday, developers have been testing it for two years and have identified a list of the countries most at risk of mass killings.

Myanmar tops the list, followed by Nigeria, Sudan, Central African Republic and Egypt. Rounding out the top 10 are Congo-Kinshasa, Somalia, Pakistan, South Sudan and Afghanistan.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hidden cost of flying

TRAVEL

Airlines charge for services like offline reservations

There are hidden costs in flying you may not know about in services or products you use.

Credit card fees:
Damage: Varies

Some carriers charge you for using your credit card. Australian budget airline Jetstar, for instance, charges about $10 unless you use its Jetstar card.

How to drop it: If you fly frequently enough with an airline, sign up for its credit card.

Offline reservation fee:
Damage: $10 to $25

Many airlines charge fees for booking tickets offline. British Airways charges $25 if you book over the phone.

How to drop it: Book your tickets online. Or, pick an airline that skips this fee. Air Canada does not charge for phone booking for calls made within North America.

Passengers head for their flight gates at Toronto's Pearson airport. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Fee for using miles:
Damage: About $75

Some charge for usage of miles if the booking is not done sufficiently in advance.

How to drop it: Read the fine print, and book with an airline that does not have such constraints, such as JetBlue and Southwest airlines.

Boarding pass reissue:
Damage: $30

If you lose your boarding pass, be prepared to pay for that slip of paper with some airlines. Ryanair charges the equivalent of $30 for reissuing boarding passes.

How to drop it: Pay online. Ryanair doesn't charge for reissuing boarding passes for tickets bought online.

Change-date fee:
Damage: Possibly more than the price of your ticket

You don't just pay the change-date fee, you also pay the price difference between the two flights.

How to drop it: If your date is a bit unsure, opt for an unrestricted ticket, though those can cost up to twice what you would normally pay. Also, check your airline's change policies. Continental, for example, offers a 24-hour period during which you can change your flight without penalty.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

AUTOMOTIVE

VW Canada halts sales after scandal

Volkswagen Canada has told dealers to stop selling diesel-powered vehicles involved in an emissions-testing scandal that has drawn the ire of American regulators.

Spokesman Thomas Tetzlaff said in an email that the voluntary move comes as the Canadian division of the automaker is working with its American counterpart and parent company in Germany to resolve the issue.

Volkswagen CEO Martin Winterkorn apologized on Sunday following revelations last week that the company had rigged U.S. emissions tests for about 500,000 diesel cars.

Tetzlaff said nearly all of the company's Volkswagen-branded diesel cars are included in the stop sale order in Canada, including the Jetta, the Golf and the Beetle.

No mention was made of what is to happen with cars already on the road.

On Friday, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Volkswagen used a device programmed to detect when the cars are undergoing official emissions testing.

The software device then turns off the emissions controls during normal driving situations, allowing the cars to emit more than the legal limit of pollutants.

Volkswagen marketed the diesel-powered cars as being better for the environment.

The EPA said VW's Audi luxury brand had also attempted to circumvent emissions regulations on the Audi A3, but Volkswagen Canada did not say the Audi was a part of the order.

THE CANADIAN PRESS, WITH FILES FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

VEHICLES

Affected models:
- 2009 – 2015 Jetta
- 2010 – 2015 Golf
- 2013 – 2015 Beetle
- 2012 – 2015 Passat
- 2009 – 2015 Golf Wagon

MALWARE

Security breach puts iPhones, iPads at risk

Apple announced a rare security breach over the weekend that means some Canadians may have unwittingly infected their iPhones and iPads with malware that could expose their iCloud passwords and other personal data.

Apple Inc. has removed some applications from its app store after developers in China were tricked into using software tools that added malicious code to their work.

Many of the affected apps were only available on the App Store in China, yet some that were reportedly infected by the malware — including WeChat, business card rolodex CamCard and file extractor WinZip — are available in Canada.

The malicious code spread through a counterfeit version of Apple's Xcode tools used to create apps for its iPhones and iPads, according to the company.

The malicious software collects information from infected devices and uploads it to outside servers, according to Palo Alto Networks, a U.S.-based security firm. The company said the breach could result in fake password prompts aimed at harvesting iCloud details or other logins. It was first publicized last week by security researchers at Alibaba Group, the Asian e-commerce giant, who dubbed it XcodeGhost.

THE CANADIAN PRESS/WITH FILES FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ECONOMY

Wholesale sales stay flat in July: StatsCan

Canadian wholesale sales fell short of expectations in July as they held steady for the month at $55.4 billion, a hiccup among signs the economy is improving after a weak start to the year. Economists had expected a gain of 0.7 per cent, according to Thomson Reuters.

Statistics Canada said three subsectors posted gains, led by the machinery, equipment and supplies group, to offset losses in other sectors.

In volume terms, wholesale sales fell 0.4 per cent.

"Still, despite the slight disappointment in today's wholesaling data, the strong gain in manufacturing volumes reported last week, in addition to the healthy readings we expect from retailing to be released on Wednesday, still augur for a decent July GDP advance," CIBC economist Nick Exarhos wrote in a brief note.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

market minute

DOLLAR
75.50¢ (-0.16¢)

TSX
13,779.44 (+132.54)

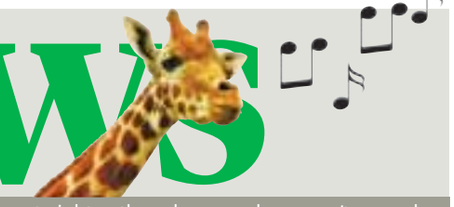
OIL
$46.96 US (+$1.94)

GOLD
$1,132.80 US (-$5)

NATURAL GAS: $2.573 US (-3.2¢)
DOW JONES: 16,510.19 (+125.61)

FAST DENTURES
FULL SERVICE DENTURE CLINIC
Let us put a smile on your face
Room 702 Boyd Medical Centre (388 Portage Ave.)
204-947-1807

metro VIEWS



Song of the savannah: Who said music was unique to humans? Giraffes, once thought silent but for a few snorts, hum to themselves at night — though researchers aren't sure why.

TIM HARPER: ON THE PANIC OVER REFUGEES

The three parties can differ on numbers and timelines ... but for Harper to suggest the opposition parties are not concerned about security is flat-out fear-mongering.

Are we fearful jihadists will infiltrate the masses fleeing Syria and land on our shores?

Are we concerned that allowing women to take the citizenship oath with their faces covered will somehow render the fabric of the Canadian family?

Do we lie awake at night believing fiscal deficits will lead us to ruination or that an NDP government federally would somehow replicate the "unmitigated disasters" of their provincial cousins?

There is no doubt Stephen Harper can claim a constituency on each of the above propositions he is putting to voters. If he can begin to move voters on two or more of those elements of doubt he has sown, he can build from his base and start reaching for a minority government on Oct. 19.

All three propositions are highly debatable, but each has a grain of truth that will appeal not only to Conservatives, but possibly the soft Liberals the Conservatives are courting. Let's look at each in isolation.

Conservatives deserve credit for moving to streamline the refugee acceptance process in this country, a week after announcing they will match humanitarian aid pledged by Canadians. Canadians and the opposition parties also deserve credit for pushing Harper off a position that badly misjudged the level of compassion in this country.

Now that they have responded, however, the Conservatives still find it impossible to move off their baseless message that their opponents would forsake security for expediency.

Immigration Minister Chris Alexander quite reasonably says we cannot ignore the risk of jihadi terrorists seeking to exploit the generosity of nations such as Canada. But Conservatives don't stop there.

At last week's economic debate, Harper made this claim: "These guys would have had, in the last two weeks, us throwing open our borders and literally hundreds of thousands of people coming without any kind of security check or documentation.''

Neither NDP Leader Tom Mulcair nor Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau has ever suggested airlifting refugees to this country without security checks. No one ever called for hundreds of thousands. The three parties can differ on numbers and timelines and argue over "political will," but for Harper to suggest the opposition parties are not concerned about security is flat-out fear-mongering.

Similarly, Harper's decision to seek a stay on a court decision allowing Zunera Ishaq to cover her face during a citizenship ceremony is playing to fears of something different, something vaguely threatening.

When Conservatives argue — as they have intermittently — that their objection to the niqab is rooted in its oppression of women, they can spark a rational debate, but Harper rarely tries to make that case.

Harper is not promising to go as far as some of our European allies. France banned face coverings in public places in 2011 and Belgium was close behind with its own law. The Dutch cabinet passed a partial ban in public places such as schools, hospitals and public transport this year.

FOMENTING FEAR Tim Harper writes that Conservatives may attract support beyond their base if they stoke anxieties about the niqab and terrorists among Syrian refugees like this woman awaiting transport to Austria from Croatia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

But Harper's argument that an "open, tolerant, pluralistic" society demands we reveal our face when seeking to join the Canadian family is disjointed. Surely, an open, tolerant and pluralistic society would tolerate a woman from Pakistan who wishes to join this family being allowed to do so while honouring a custom sacrosanct to her.

This is not necessarily a Conservative "wedge issue," used for short-term campaign gain.

The Tories have vowed to reintroduce legislation banning the niqab at citizenship ceremonies within 100 days of being re-elected.

Lastly, on the economy, Harper is now vowing to "protect" the fragile economy — protect it from big deficits from Trudeau or those abject failures of NDP governments which Mulcair is sure to replicate.

Mulcair may yet rue the day he fell into the balanced budget trap, but he can make a cogent case for New Democrats balancing the budget. He need only point to previous administrations in Manitoba and Saskatchewan while Harper points to previous and current NDP governments in Ontario and Alberta to raise doubts.

Conversely, anyone can point to previous Conservative provincial governments — or the Harper government — that have run deficits because balancing the books is more often the product of circumstances rather than ideology.

Raising doubts about the unknown is a tempting target for an incumbent desperately trying to hang on one more time.

Fear is the trump card against change. Harper is betting that the unknown is scary, and he will argue that only he can protect us from the bad guys, whether they are coming to our shores or are already here waiting to kill your job or endanger your investments.

But a month out, it is an open question as to whether there is enough fear in the land in 2015 to play to Harper's agenda.

Tim Harper is a national affairs writer. His column appears in the Toronto Star on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

metroview

#ReadtheTRCReport: We can't reconcile if we don't know the history

Erica Violet Lee
For Metro

On June 2, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report on residential schools was released. I remember standing in a packed Ottawa hotel lobby, watching along with hundreds of others who had travelled from across the country. I was a little grouchy going in. The impact of residential schools is well-documented. It felt impossible to find any reason for hope in yet another report filled with horrifying stories. (Just when we think we've heard the worst, there's always more.)

Three months later, we are in a federal campaign, and the TRC report has slipped the minds of politicians. How can we reconcile when so many don't know the history of this land or extent of the atrocities committed in Canada's name?

Reading the 388-page report is a daunting task, even more so because of the difficult content. Over the summer, Zoe Todd (Métis, Edmonton), Joseph Murdoch-Flowers (Inuk, Iqaluit), and I launched a project via Twitter to record the entire document on video, with the title #ReadTheTRCReport. One hundred and forty videos later, we completed the project. Each one was lovingly recorded by someone who lives on these lands — someone who lives with the legacy of residential schools, and with the responsibility to make sure these stories are not forgotten.

As the report summary was read aloud, I watched elders weeping and understood how many people waited their entire lives for it. Even more did not survive to see it. Residential school survivors and their families deserve closure, justice, and hope. The TRC report is a definitive record of their experiences. It's confirmation that yes, more than 150,000 indigenous children were taken from their homes, and yes, that is genocide.

Leaving the hotel, I thought this: Of 35 million Canadians, how many know there are more indigenous children currently in foster care than at the height of residential schools? How many falsely believe they are powerless to change the history currently being written by their government?

The report contains not only history and testimony, but recommendations calling Canadians to action. Number one on that list is the return of indigenous children to their cultures. For children to be safe in their communities, they need clean drinking water, equal funding for education, and freedom from poverty. By taking action for indigenous children now, we seek the justice that was denied to residential school attendees. By reading the report, we declare that to be indigenous is not only a story of tragedy, but one of hope.

Erica Violet Lee is studying philosophy and political studies at the University of Saskatchewan. She is a youth organizer in the Idle No More movement.

PHOTO: ALOYS FLEISCHMANN/FACEBOOK

metro
Your essential daily news

STAR MEDIA GROUP PRESIDENT
John Cruickshank

VICE PRESIDENT & EDITOR
Cathrin Bradbury

VICE PRESIDENT & GROUP PUBLISHER METRO WESTERN CANADA
Steve Shrout

MANAGING EDITOR WINNIPEG
Elisha Dacey

ADVERTISER INQUIRIES
adinfowinnipeg@metronews.ca
General phone 204-943-9300

FREE TO SHARE

PHILOSOPHER CAT
by Jason Logan

metro LIFE

Your essential daily news

Downton Abbey had 7.6 million U.K. viewers for the premiere of its final season.

10 New shows for fall

Fellow couch potatoes, it's time to get excited. Fall TV is officially upon us! Forget the cooler weather, shorter nights and falling leaves — the next couple of months are really all about the brand new TV series heading our way. Here's our guide to 10 new shows worth tuning into.

BRIAN GASPAREK FOR METRO

NOW AIRING

Blindspot

Blindspot has the potential to be one of the coolest new shows this fall. The drama follows Jane Doe, a mysterious tattoo-covered woman who wakes up in a duffle bag in Times Square with no memory of her past or identity. The FBI notices each tattoo on her body contains a clue to a crime that has to be solved. Neat, huh? The show stars Jaimie Alexander and Sullivan Stapleton.

SEPT. 28

Daily Show with Trevor Noah

It's the question we're all asking: Will Trevor Noah be able to fill Jon Stewart's shoes as host of The Daily Show? Our questions will be answered later this month.

TONIGHT

Scream Queens

If you liked Ryan Murphy's other creations (American Horror Story, Glee and Nip/Tuck), you'll want to check out Scream Queens. The show mixes horror and comedy and is planned to be an anthology series like AHS. The first season follows a series of sorority house murders and features a stacked cast that includes Emma Roberts, Lea Michele, Jamie Lee Curtis and Abigail Breslin.

NOW AIRING

The Bastard Executioner

If you're trying to fill the void that Sons of Anarchy left in your life when it ended last year, The Bastard Executioner could be the show to do it, a series by SOA creator Kurt Sutter that looks just as bloody and badass. It's a medieval drama that follows a disgruntled knight turned journeyman executioner. It stars Lee Jones, Katey Sagal and Stephen Moyer.

OCT. 9

Red Oaks

The best new comedy to binge watch this fall might be Amazon's Red Oaks. Following up its hilarious pilot that was released last year, the show is set in the mid '80s and revolves around an awkward teen tennis pro working a summer job at a posh country club. Critics have compared it to Caddyshack, which sounds pretty good to us.

TONIGHT

The Muppets

The Muppets are back on TV this month! Although that alone should make you want to tune in, their new show sounds fantastic.

The Muppets will be a show-within-a-show sitcom in the vein of The Office or Parks and Recreation... only with The Muppets. Plus a lot of special guest cameos.

OCT. 2

Dr. Ken

Everyone loves Ken Jeong, so naturally he was given his own sitcom. In Dr. Ken, the former Hangover and Community star plays a brilliant but crass doctor (his real life profession before acting) and family man to his wife and two kids. With Ken as the star, it should be hilarious and worth a watch.

OCT. 31

Ash Vs. Evil Dead

Get your bandwidth ready for some Halloween streaming. Sam Raimi and Bruce Campbell are reuniting to bring the world of Evil Dead to TV. Ash Vs. Evil Dead follows our favourite zombie-slaying film hero hilariously destroying a new pack of zombies 28 years later. It is 10 episodes of guaranteed blood, guts and laughs.

OCT. 12

Crazy Ex-Girlfriend

Another can't miss comedy is Crazy Ex-Girlfriend. Dreamt up by and starring Robot Chicken writer Rachel Bloom, the dark musical comedy follows a ridiculously obsessed single woman trying to rekindle a relationship with her high school boyfriend 10 years later. She believes he's her soulmate after being inspired by an emotional butter commercial.

OCT. 26

Supergirl

Agent Carter is getting some female superhero competition this fall. Arrow and Flash producer Greg Berlanti is bringing Supergirl into our living rooms in late October and it looks really good.

Former Glee star Melissa Benoist is donning the red cape for the show.

10 BEST RETURNING SHOWS

They're back: fall premieres that can't be missed
The fall season has finally arrived. In addition to bringing a solid batch of new shows into our living rooms, we also see the return of a few favourites.

Here's a look at 10 of the top shows returning and when you can catch them.

Dr. Who (Now airing)
Sci-fi junkies should be pumped for the ninth season of Doctor Who. Peter Capaldi is returning for his second season as the Doctor and Jenna Coleman is back in her third season a companion Clara Oswald.

Gotham (Sept. 21)
One of the most highly anticipated returns this fall is the second season of Gotham. Dubbed "rise of the villains," the new season promises to give fans the origin stories for some of Gotham's most popular baddies. Word has it we're going to get to see The Joker, Mr. Freeze and Tigress, to name a few!

How to Get Away with Murder (Sept. 24)
When HTGAWM returns, we're not only going to find out who killed Rebecca Sutter, we've also been promised another crazy plot twist. The murder mystery drama revolving around Viola Davis' Annalise Keating and her interns just kept getting better last season. We assume the trend continues in Season 2.

Big Bang Theory (Sept. 24)
How will Leonard and Penny deal with married life? Will Sheldon and Amy work things out? Will Raj find love? We'll find out the answer to these pressing questions when the most watched sitcom in the world returns for a ninth season.

The Flash (Oct. 6)
The first season of The Flash was surprisingly great, and the show hopes to build on its momentum going into season two. Look for a pack of new characters, including several from the alternate universe. There will also be a crossover episode with fellow superhero TV hit Arrow. Side note: Arrow season four debuts Oct. 7th.

American Horror Story: Hotel (Oct. 7)
The fifth chapter in the American Horror Story anthology begins in early October with AHS: Hotel. This season takes place at the haunted Hotel Cortez and is said to be the darkest yet. Yikes. Series regulars like Kathy Bates, Matt Bomer, Sarah Paulson and Chloë Sevigny all return. New cast members include Lady Gaga as the hotel owner and New Girl's Max Greenfield as a junky.

Walking Dead (Oct. 11)
The highest-rated cable drama of all time, The Walking Dead, is back with a 90-minute season premiere to kick off its sixth season, which opens with 650 walkers in the first episode. That's a lot of zombies, folks.

Fargo (Oct. 12)
Everyone's favourite dark comedy is back for its sophomore year. Fargo's second season takes place in the late '70s, with a new setting and cast of characters (for the most part), including Ted Danson, Kirsten Dunst and Nick Offerman.

The Knick (Oct. 16)
Steven Soderbergh's 20th-century medical drama The Knick kicks off its highly anticipated second season in mid-October. We're all excited about diving back into the lives of Clive Owen's drug-addicted surgeon Dr. Thackery.

HEROES REBORN

Star of Chuck gets dark

Zachary Levi. GETTY IMAGES

Zachary Levi switches gears from playing the goofy star of Chuck to something much darker in his new thriller, Heroes Reborn.

The gregarious actor admits the role is a bit of a left turn for those familiar with the hero of his defunct beloved spy dramedy.

"The tone of these two shows is very different. In Chuck there was a lot of lightheartedness, there was a charm, there was a heart," Levi said during a stop in Toronto in June.

"And Heroes is a dark and complicated world and I play a dark and complicated guy."

Since his cult NBC series left the air in 2012, Levi has tackled material on big and small screens including the stop-motion comedy Robot Chicken and the superhero spectacle Thor: The Dark World, in which he played the warrior Fandral.

But Heroes Reborn arguably resets his career with his darkest role yet: His character Luke is a vigilante bent on exacting vengeance for the death of his son.

The show continues Tim Kring's saga of ordinary people suddenly bestowed with superhuman abilities, introduced in the four-season Heroes.

Levi said the new story picks up five years later, with a war brewing between those with abilities and those without.

Jack Coleman reprises his role as HRG, a.k.a. Noah Bennet, while other returning characters include Greg Grunberg as Matt Parkman and Masi Oka as Hiro Nakamura.

New characters include the awkward teen Tommy, played by Robbie Kay, who learns of a new ability that terrifies him; and Tokyo's quiet Miko, played by Kiki Sukezane, who is searching for her missing father while hiding an extraordinary secret.

Levi noted this is a world where many regular humans are shaken by the fact their neighbours possess what could be dangerous powers. "Lots of bad things are happening. Some people with powers abuse them and some people without abilities are afraid of them and fighting back." THE CANADIAN PRESS

ACTIVISM

Miley Cyrus has found her culling

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

One of the world's most visible superstars snuck in a covert trip to British Columbia last week in support of the campaign against B.C.'s wolf cull.

Miley Cyrus, who created a groundswell of international support for promoting Pacific Wild's petition against the cull through Instagram, joined member of the conservation group, local First Nations and Spirit Bear Adventures last week to tour the Great Bear Rainforest and see for herself the animals she wants protected.

"The reason why I am here is I want to see the wolf cull ended," Cyrus says on a video released by Pacific Wild on Monday. "What I do is really unimportant. But if I didn't do those things, then I wouldn't have the voice that I have to be the megaphone for what these amazing people have researched for so long."

Pacific Wild cofounder Ian McAllister said that Cyrus' three-day trip to B.C., with her brother Braison, saw the Wrecking Ball singer return home inspired and confident that science is on her side.

The provincial government's sanctioned wolf cull is an attempt to save B.C. endangered Mountain Caribou population, but conservationists question whether the hunt will have an impact.

McAllister says the real problem is habitat loss. Cyrus, he said, has been able to shine a public light on the campaign.

"We've been trying and trying to get Premier Christy Clark to look at it and get nothing. With Miley Cyrus, one Instagram post and Premier Clark responds."

In comments made earlier this month, Clark was dismissive of Cyrus' stance on the cull.

Pacific Wild's petion has garnered over 200,000 signatures to date. Asked what's next for the campaign, McAllister laughs and hints at another celebrity sighting in the Great Bear Rainforest.

"I hear Pamela (Anderson) wants to visit," he said, about the B.C.-born star, who has also been critical of the cull.

Cyrus toured the Great Bear Rainforest. APRIL BENCZE/PACIFIC WILD

Angelina Jolie, UNHCR special envoy, meets with young Syrian refugees at an informal tented settlement in Zahle, Lebanon last year. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Brangelina said to be adopting again

FAMILY

Orphan from Syrian refugee camp to join Jolie-Pitt clan

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Hollywood

I was wondering how long Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie could stay at six kids in their family — or how they'd personally address the Syrian refugee crisis. Well, both questions are reportedly being answered in one fell swoop, as the Hollywood power couple is set to adopt a Syrian orphan, according to Radar Online.

The child in question is apparently one of three young brothers Jolie met during a tour of a Syrian refugee camp in Turkey.

"Angie wanted to adopt all three, but when she got back to the United States, and told Brad about it, he said no," a source says."Going from six children to nine was just way too much, and Brad was concerned about how it would impact their other kids. But Angie didn't put up a fight. She knew it just wouldn't work."

They apparently compromised on adopting one of the brothers.

"It has been a very long process to adopt the Syrian orphan. The red tape has been almost impossible at times," the source adds. "It could take at least another four to five months before the child is brought to the United States."

This brings their number of adopted kids to four versus three biological children, which means someone's going to have to sit out the family pickup soccer games.

RWB
CANADA'S ROYAL WINNIPEG BALLET
YAYOI BAN, LIANG XING PHOTO RÉJEAN BRANDT PHOTOGRAPHY
GISELLE
SEPT 30 - OCT 04 / 2015
Choreography Peter Wright | Music Adolphe Adam
Centennial Concert Hall
with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra
TICKETS FROM $29! plus applicable taxes & fees RWB.ORG 204.956.2792
You could WIN
4 tickets
& $100 of RWB merch!
(Total prize value $500+)
CANADA'S ROYAL WINNIPEG BALLET
RWB
Sept 30- Oct 04
Visit clubmetro.com to enter
VISIT clubmetro.com TO ENTER
rwb.org
PRODUCTION SPONSORS
MEDIA SPONSORS
Winnipeg Free Press
No purchase necessary. Terms & conditions apply. For full contest details and conditions, visit clubmetro.com

GOSSIP BRIEFS

Love is blooming for young Jenner

Orlando Bloom generally seems like a pretty cool guy, as famous people go, then every once in a while he does something that makes me question his judgment.

Like a slap-fight in Ibiza with Justin Bieber, for instance.

Or this: Bloom is reportedly dating junior varsity Kardashian and model Kendall Jenner — but, like, secretly — since first cozying up to her at a private film screening in L.A. over the summer, according to the Sun.

"The age difference doesn't seem to bother them, although it's far too early for either to tell if it's going to develop into something serious," a source says.

What age difference, you might ask? Oh, just 19 years or so — or exactly as old as Jenner is. NED EHRBAR/METRO

Perry and Mayer forever getting back together

I know you're wondering, so here's an update on Katy Perry and erstwhile boyfriend John Mayer. If their body language at Girls star Allison Williams' wedding this weekend is any indication, the two are definitively dating once again.

Perry and Mayer arrived at the Wyoming-set ceremony separately, but pretty soon they were inseparable, holding hands and snuggling and sitting all close and junk.

"They are definitely back together," a source tells People magazine.

In fact, the only time during the festivities they deigned to leave each other's side was when each of them performed a song for the bride and groom. So that's how you get John Mayer to perform at your wedding! I was wondering. NED EHRBAR/METRO

Don't just chill out

Cooler months are great to try new a new hobby

SHUTTERSTOCK

It may be getting a little cooler and a little tougher to get out of bed in the morning for a workout, but that doesn't mean you can't keep fit and have fun, too.

At least not according to Jimmy Hartley, Calgary Fit Body Boot Camp owner and trainer, who says it's a great time to learn a winter sport all in the name of fitness.

"It's important for us to get outside at all times of the year, even the winter, so it's a good time to get out and try a new hobby like downhill skiing, snowshoeing or skating," Hartley says. "Not only are winter activities a lot of fun, but they burn a lot of calories, too, which makes it a fantastic workout. We live in Canada, so it's cold like six or eight months of the year, so it's just good to make sure you still get outside and stay active."

But when the temperatures really gets cold, Hartley says there are hundreds of exercises people can do inside, using things as simple as a floor and yoga mat with some dumbbells. Or the stairs, couch and kitchen table.

"You can literally turn a part of your home into a gym simply by using some furniture," Hartley says. "Or the stairs or just some weights. Maybe some sit-ups, pushups — it's all really simple to do from home.

"And if you do make it outside, don't forget to layer up — it's easier to peel it off than to add it on."

It's no coincidence that local gyms and boot camps get busier in the winter months as well, so a membership to the local workout facility is always an option to beat the cold.

– Krista Sylvester

STUDENT SUCCESS STARTS WITH TEACHERS

Excellence starts at the top and that's why Wellington College produces such skilled and successful massage therapists — the school's instructors are second to none.

Wellington College students are in the midst of their fall school year, working hard to gain the skills needed to find meaningful opportunities upon graduation. And success starts with their instructors, says operations manager Tricia Neill.

"Our aim is to educate caring, committed and highly skilled massage therapists," she says. "That's why we recruit and retain a dedicated team of instructors who hold degrees or are either enrolled in or have acquired their certification in adult and continuing education."

The instructors include Sheila Bergman WC (Hon), LCSP (Phys), RMT, who has been with the college since 1995 and teaches physiology, pathology, neurophysiology, hydrotherapy and medical terminology, as well as Leilanie Clayton, M.Sc., who holds a master's degree in human anatomy and cell science from the University of Manitoba and has been with the college since 2012. Both possess theoretical expertise and practical experience in massage therapy or exercise rehabilitation.

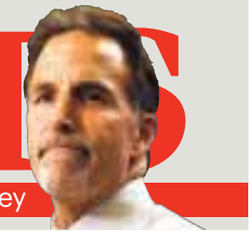
"Wellington College staff work great together for this very reason. We have very honest individuals who excel in their department and are passionate about the work they do. I believe that diverse teaching methods take into account different learning styles, which enhances learning for everyone."

For more information, call 204-957-2402 or visit wellingtoncollege.com.

SHUTTERSTOCK

metro SPORTS

John Tortorella will reportedly return to the bench as Team USA's coach at the 2016 World Cup of Hockey



Blue Jays flying high with Estrada's change of pace

MLB

Right-hander playing a key role in team's playoff drive

Marco Estrada first learned how to throw a changeup in 2007 when he was in the Washington Nationals' minor-league system and playing for the class-A Potomac Nationals in Woodbridge, Va. That's where he met Clint Everts, a first-round draft pick who had, by Estrada's estimation, a "filthy" changeup.

Estrada was throwing only a fastball and a curve at the time, but he knew there was "no way" he would climb up the minor-league ranks with just two pitches, so he asked Everts to show him the pitch.

Estrada picked it up immediately and used it in his next game. "It kind of just clicked and next thing you know it became my best pitch," he said.

The changeup — which deceives hitters because it looks like a fastball but ideally travels 10 m.p.h. slower — turned out to be Estrada's ticket to the big leagues and is now regarded as one of the best in the game. Baseball America, a scouting-focused periodical, earlier this year declared Estrada's changeup to be the third-finest in the American League, behind only those of perennial Cy Young candidates Felix Hernandez and Chris Sale.

"There are days where even I'm going, 'Man, that was a really good one,'" Estrada says of his signature pitch, against which batters have whiffed more than 20 per cent of the time this season, or more than twice as often as they do on the average pitch.

It's thanks to his changeup that Estrada can survive with a fastball that rarely registers above 90 m.p.h., but appears much faster to hitters trying to time their swings to his halting pitch. "Otherwise there's no way I should be throwing my fastball by some of these guys."

However he is doing it, Estrada has been a pleasant surprise this season for the Blue Jays, who acquired him in an off-season trade with the Milwaukee Brewers for Adam Lind. The 32-year-old right-hander was coming off a disappointing season in which he led the majors in home runs allowed and was viewed by the Jays primarily as a swingman: a long reliever who could make a spot start.

Since joining the rotation in May, Estrada has been one of the Jays' most reliable pitchers. In fact, since the all-star break he has been one of the best pitchers in the American League, posting a second-half ERA of just 2.70 — second only to David Price among AL starters.

An afterthought on the fringes just a few months ago, he now stands to play a key role in the Jays' playoff drive.

"I'd hate to think where we'd be without him," manager John Gibbons said recently.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Marco Estrada has the second-best ERA (2.70) in the American League since the all-star break.

DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

MATCHUP

Estrada starts for the Jays on Tuesday in the second game of their pivotal series against the Yankees. He'll be matched against Luis Severino (4-3).

BLUE BOMBERS

Johnson signed through 2018

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers signed sophomore defensive back Bruce Johnson to a contract extension through the 2018 season Monday.

Johnson would've been eligible to become a free agent in February.

Johnson has started every game since joining the Bombers as a free agent in April 2014.

He's made 28 career starts, registering 91 tackles, two interceptions and a fumble recovery.

"Bruce is a very key part of our defensive secondary," Bombers GM Kyle Walters said in a statement. "He's been extremely steady and reliable for us since he first stepped on the field last season.

"It was important for us to lock up a key piece of our defence moving forward, and we're pleased Bruce also felt the desire to remain a Blue Bomber."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

Gibson nets $6.9M contract extension

Goalie John Gibson has agreed to a three-year, $6.9-million contract extension with the Anaheim Ducks. The Ducks announced the deal Monday.

The 22-year-old Gibson is considered one of the top young goalies in hockey, and he has won 16 NHL games over the past two seasons with the Ducks. He is competing with starter Frederik Andersen and newcomer Anton Khudobin for two roster spots in training camp. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

John Gibson

JIM MONE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Kings steps up off-ice conduct training

The Los Angeles Kings have announced an extensive program of off-ice training for their players after three embarrassing arrests in the past year. The franchise is partnering with community organizations to address domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse and sexual harassment.

The Kings have cut ties with Slava Voynov, Jarret Stoll and Mike Richards since their arrests.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL

Romo likely to miss two months

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo is expected to miss about two months with a broken left collarbone, though he won't need surgery.

The loss of Romo in Sunday's 20-10 victory at Philadelphia means the defending NFC East champion Cowboys (2-0) will be without their starting quarterback and All-Pro receiver Dez Bryant possibly through October.

Coach Jason Garrett said Monday that tests revealed no ligament damage for Romo after the second broken collarbone of his career. The other was in 2010, and he missed the final 10 games of the season.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PLAN B

Brandon Weeden replaced Romo against the Eagles and threw a clinching 42-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter.

CFL

Ticats QB's 9 lives over for 2015

Zach Collaros's brilliant 2015 season is over.

The Hamilton Tiger-Cats confirmed Monday their star quarterback will miss the remainder of the campaign with a torn ACL in his right knee. Collaros suffered the injury in the second quarter of a 25-18 home loss to the Edmonton Eskimos on Saturday afternoon.

Collaros underwent an MRI on Monday.

The 27-year-old leads the CFL in passing yards (3,376), touchdowns (25) and passer rating (113.7).

Collaros left Saturday's game after completing seven of 10 passes for 90 yards and a TD. Rookie backup Jeff Matthews and third-stringer Jacory Harris both saw action afterward.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

RECIPE 4-ingredient Zucchini Soup

The soup is great as is, but it's also a wonderful slate for dressing up with a variety of toppings. It allows everyone in the family to customize the soup as they see fit. Mini toasts, browned turkey or chicken sausage, sautéed winter or delicata squash, a spoonful of plain Greek yogurt blended with chopped fresh herbs, or bread.

Ready in 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 3 medium-large zucchini (about 1 1/2 lbs)
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- 2 cups low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth, warmed to hot
- 2 Tbsp chopped fresh chives
- 1 Tbsp lemon juice

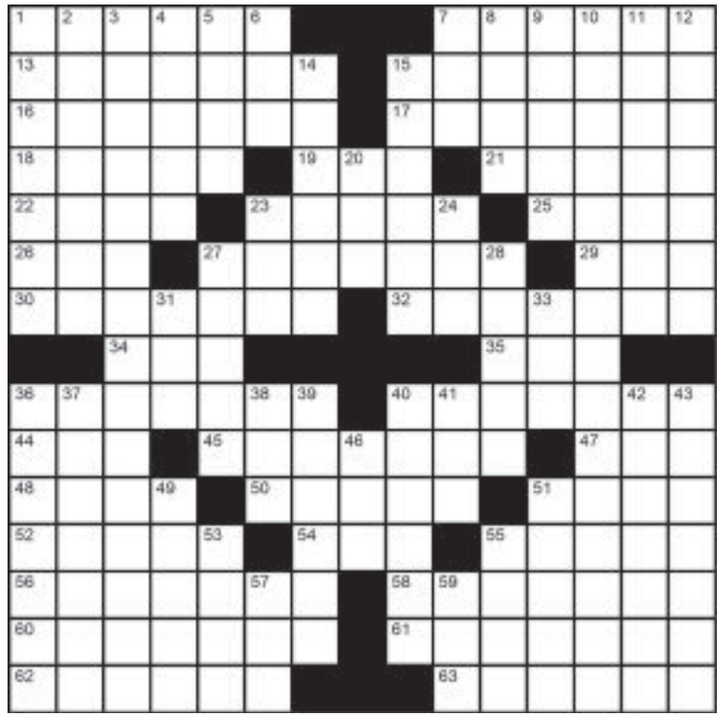
Directions
1. Heat the oven to 400 F. Line a baking sheet with kitchen parchment.
2. Cut the zucchini in half lengthwise, then slice off the nubby ends. Place the zucchini on the prepared baking sheet, then mist with cooking spray. Season with salt and pepper, then roast until tender, about 15 minutes, turning halfway through.
3. In a blender, combine the roasted zucchini, hot broth, chives and lemon juice. Blend until creamy and smooth. Serve immediately.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 35
- Protein 3 g
- Sugar 3 g
- Carbohydrates 5 g
- Fibre 1 g
- Total fat 0.5 g
- Saturated fat 0 g
- Cholesterol 0 mg
- Sodium 170 mg

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Bands of eight
7. Singing span
13. Ice cream establishment
15. Mountain peak topping
16. Black-tailed _ Dog (Rodent in southern Saskatchewan)
17. Sicily's capital
18. Willow¹tree's flexible twig
19. Sigma's follower
21. Test the outfit for sizing: 2 wds.
22. Mr. Mineo's
23. Gloria Swanson role, _ Desmond
25. Gambit
26. 'Client' completer
27. Big Apple denizens, with New
29. Philosophy
30. Ophidian
32. Does some editing with film
34. 1980s starlet Ms. Zadora
35. Haunter's cry!
36. Big wreck
40. English actress Ms. Miller's
44. _ favor (Please, in Spanish)
45. Types of small pianos
47. Dishwasher item
48. Cross of ancient Egypt
50. Keeps an eye on the weight lifter
51. Ill-considered
52. Man-made mechanical man
54. Quid _ quo
55. Al _ (Pasta-cooking consistency)
56. Peter of "Bosom Buddies" and "Newhart"
58. Everlastingly
60. _ Fields (Heavenly abode in Greek mythology)
61. Hooplah
62. "_ _ My Life" by Bruno Mars
63. Flips the coin

DOWN
1. Resists
2. Dealership event: 2 wds.
3. Canuck TV show for Julian, Ricky and Bubbles: 3 wds.
4. Fashion designer Mr. Saab, and namesakes
5. Unit of pressure
6. Fashion designer Anna
7. "Snakes _ _ Plane" (2006)
8. Indianapolis football player
9. Doofus
10. Medium for Big A, a 1968 abstract painting by Canadian artist Jack Bush (b.1909 - d.1977): 3 wds.
11. Skedaddle
12. Words created from people's names, such as Walt Disney to Disneyland or Arnold Palmer and the same-named drink or Thursday derived from the Norse god Thor
14. Snappy comeback
15. Sea foams
20. "Raiders of the Lost _" (1981)
23. Tadoussac turndown
24. Dadaist Jean
27. Casual affirmatives
28. Blackthorn fruits
31. Detectives, commonly
33. 'Restrict' suffix
36. Less dense
37. Eye piece for Mr. Peanut
38. Raises
39. 1970s Broadway musical with the song "Magic to Do"
40. Explode or depart: 2 wds.
41. 'I' in FWIW
42. Stark
43. Globes
46. Neither here there ...what's missing?
49. "The Planets" composer Gustav
51. Snorkelling locales
53. "Dynamite" singer Mr. Cruz
55. 007 foe in '62: 2 wds.
57. UK military service
59. Quaker cereal, _ Bran

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Keep certain situations, and certain people, at arm's length while you sort yourself out. A colleague will come up with a well-meaning suggestion but don't accept — the less you do on the work front today the better.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You may find it difficult to put into words what is in your head but that's okay. Your body language will tell others what they need to hear, not least of which is that you have no time for slackers.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
There is a danger today that you will overreact to criticism and retreat into your shell. You don't have to be so precious. Toughen up.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Try not to focus on other people's faults and failings. Be positive, even when dealing with negative people.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You may be tempted to give up on something that is taking up a large slice of your time and your energy. Don't! In a matter of days it will come easier to you, and the hard work you put in earlier will pay off in a big way.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you have overextended yourself in some way you will now have to cut back and learn to live within your means. Your cash flow situation is unlikely to improve until you sell off some of those luxury items you own but rarely use.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
No matter how persuasive you may be with others you can no longer fool yourself that things can stay as they are. Both at work and in your private life there will have to be changes.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Positive thoughts bring positive results, but the opposite is true as well: if you start thinking you do not deserve all the good things that are coming your way you will find they stop coming very quickly.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You seem anxious, especially on the home front where bickering among loved ones is getting you down. The Sun's change of signs tomorrow will usher in a more positive phase.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Cosmic activity in and around the career area of your chart over the next few days will bring out your ambitious side. Don't focus on your rivals — it's what you do that matters.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The harder you try to change things the more stubbornly they stay the same. Take the hint and leave enough well alone.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
A task you took on earlier in the month is making no progress and you are on the verge of admitting defeat. However, the planets indicate if you stick it out the tide will turn in your favour in a matter of days. Don't give up on it yet.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

Every row, column and box contains 1-9

		6	3		8	7		
7	3			1			8	2
2								3
	8			5			6	
4								7
6	1			2			9	5
		8	4		9	3		

©2015 Conceptis Puzzles, Dist. by King Features Syndicate, Inc.

We want YOUR opinion!
Join our Online Reader Panel and help make your **Metro News** even better. Join for a chance to win a $25 gift card.
metronews.ca/panel
metro

If you're texting, who's driving?

Manitoba
Public Insurance